

The House Committee on Judiciary Non-civil offers the following substitute to SB 94:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the  
2 "Georgia Child Custody Intrastate Jurisdiction Act of 1978," so as to change certain  
3 provisions relating to actions by physical or legal custodians not being permitted in certain  
4 circumstances; to prohibit other persons or entities from maintaining certain actions under  
5 certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia  
9 Child Custody Intrastate Jurisdiction Act of 1978," is amended by adding a new subsection  
10 (c) to Code Section 19-9-24, relating to actions by physical or legal custodians not being  
11 permitted in certain circumstances, to read as follows:

12 "(c) It may be a defense to an action for contempt for failure to pay court ordered child  
13 support that the recipient of the court ordered child support has willfully withheld custody  
14 or visitation rights in violation of a valid custody or visitation order."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.